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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Dr. Flax on 6 June 1967.

1. At 1630, 6 June 1967 a meeting was held in Dr. Flax's office to discuss the U2-R and OXCART Program progress. Present at this meeting were Mr. Parangosky,

did not stay for the actual briefing.

2. [] briefed on the status of the U2-R and, in particular, mentioned that there would be an impact of the OXCART deployment on the [] specifically in the areas of personnel, equipment and facilities. These hindrances were not major in nature.

3. [] also briefed on the OXCART status. He pointed out the indecision of the future of the OXCART Program, i.e., will it phase out in December, or will it continue operational through at least the full FY68. Dr. Flax seemed well versed and knowledgeable of this problem and, in fact, requested that we give him further details so that he could raise the subject in the appropriate places.

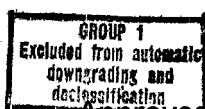
4. [] briefed on the OXCART finances and Dr. Flax was advised that we had proposed [] Budget for the phase out of the OXCART in FY68 and he was shown a proposed operational budget for OXCART for the full FY68 in the amount []

5. The Doctor was advised that the OXCART Program would require [] in early FY68 in order to manage some 41 critical spare items.

6. Actions that were decided upon are as follows:

A. Dr. Flax would raise questions in the correct places in an attempt to determine within the month what the deployment duration for the OXCART vehicle would be and what planning guides should be used for the future of the OXCART Program, i.e., phase out or not.

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B. [] will identify the 41 critical spare items and forward this information to []

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C. [] would prepare a budget with the assumptions that the OXCART vehicle would be deployed indefinitely and that we would continue to maintain all OXCART vehicles in an operational posture indefinitely.

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D. [] would prepare a budget with the assumptions that the OXCART vehicle will be deployed through November 30 and then would be phased out during December.

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7. Both of the above budgets are to be delivered to [] on 10 June.

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8. It is my opinion that Dr. Flax was knowledgeable of the need to determine the OXCART future and that he realized that funds greater than [] would be required during FY68. I had the feeling that he would vigorously press this subject, and that we can anticipate some type of decision prior to 1 July 1967.

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A casual discussion with [] at the end of the meeting indicated that Dr. Flax would discuss this subject with Mr. Vance and then decide if an EXCOM meeting was required to answer the pertinent questions. I might suggest that CIA might be well advised to pursue this subject through Mr. Duckett and Mr. Helms, rather than leave the complete initiative and decision to Dr. Flax and Mr. Vance.

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